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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
(IBWM) 15TH GENERAL CONFERENCE

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1. IN RESPONSE TO SCIATT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON REFTEL REPORT, DR. TERRIEN, DIRECTOR OF IBWM (BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DES POIDS ET MESURES), STATED ON 8 APRIL THAT HE HAS NOT YET PREPARED REPORT, WHICH IS NOT DUE UNTIL END OF MAY 1975.
2. TERRIEN THEN VOLUNTEERED COMMENT THAT PROBLEM WITH COUNTRIES PAYING PART OF THEIR ANNUAL DUES IN LOCAL (READ: NON-CONVERTIBLE) CURRENCIES EXISTS IN PRACTICE ONLY WITH THE USSR. HUNGARY WAS GOING TO, BUT THEN DECIDED TO USE CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY, AND POLAND HAS WORKED OUT A BATER ARRANGEMENT. TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL REPORT, THEREFORE, TERRIEN NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO KNOW THE CURRENT USSR ATTITUDE RE PARTIAL PAYMENT IN NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY; THIS CANNOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ARRIVE IN PARIS IN LATE MAY 1975.
3. TERRIEN PLANS TO WAIT UNTIL THE DAY BE-

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FORE THE CONFERENCE, AFTER HE HAS HAD A CHANCE

TO TALK TO THE SOVIET DELEGATES, BEFORE PREPARING THE  
REFTEL REPORT.  
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